

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September but this year, to coincide with the Jubilee of Migrants, the WDMR will be celebrated on 4 and 5 October. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen **“Migrants, missionaries of hope”**

On July 25th, the Holy See published the Message of Pope Leo XIV for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Pope’s message for the Jubilee describes today’s situation in vivid terms: “The current global context is sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere. The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family.”

To read the full message:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.html>

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